

MANSFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SURVEY OF OLD HOUSES

Date of Visit: March 1963 Present Owners: Oliver Wolcott Merrow (life lease)

Location of House (street): Merrow Station Map:

Descriptions: Stone Brick Wood Shingle Clapboard Other:

Roof: Gable Gambrel Hip Saltbox Other:

Chimney: Stone or Brick: Location: Central Other:

Type: 1 1/2 Story 2 1/2 Story Approximate Size:

Ell: Foundation: Brick Rough or Cut Stone

Overhang: Physical Conditions:

Cornice: Doorway:

Windows: Type: Arrangement:

Interior Description:

Note panelling, floorboards, stairways, fireplaces & mantels, hardware, doors, etc.

Grounds: Direction house faces:

Setting:

Gardens:

Old trees:

Outbuildings, etc.: PHOTOGRAPH 1963

Origin: Date:

Source of information: Mansfield Town Records unless otherwise indicated.

Owner in 1867 Survey: Merrow Homestead

Past Owners: (Indicate sources)

Attach other information of interest:

Shown on 1869 map as owned by

J. B. MERROW

Sometime after 1830 Mr. Joseph M. Merrow returned to the village from Hartford, and took up residence in the "Merrow Homestead." This was the boarding house erected by the Perry Brothers, who at one time boarded the help from the powder mill in the village. This mill was in operation in 1812 and continued, with one interruption until 1830.

Mr. Merrow was the son of Nathan and Mary Merrow and married Mary Woodbridge.

(History of Tolland County.)

This house, now covered with green shingle siding, is located just south of the Merrow post office and store on a long driveway which leads off the road that crosses the river to Coventry. It is between the railroad and Rte. 32.

Several persons have told me that the second floor and attic are the original one-and-a-half story house. The lower floor and cellar were probably put in in the early 1900's.

In the east end are two attic windows, 9 over 6 panes and above them in the peak of the gable is one of four small panes.

Altho there is a fireplace in the living-room, on the south-east side of the house, it definitely is not old. And the folding, or rather sliding doors between the two parts of the livingroom are similar to those installed about the turn of the century.

The front door opens into a large hall with stairs to the second floor. This is the door to the left end of the house.

There are two families living in the house at present. (1963).

Sept. 30, 1953 - v. 77 p. 389

Oliver W. Merrow gave to George Woodbridge Merrow, Julia Hull Merrow, Mary Baxter Merrow a warranty deed covering the above land and buildings. He reserved a life lease for himself and his wife, Mildred Baxter Merrow.

March 31, 1945 - v. 66 p. 168

Oliver W. Merrow received from the Estate of George W. Merrow, "land and buildings bounded westerly by the railroad and easterly and northerly by land owned by the railroad, to the highway from Coventry to Merrow, southerly along the westerly line of highway from Willington to Mansfield Depot."

Sept. 27, 1921 - v. 54 p. 118-119.

Joseph M. Merrow, George W. Merrow, Mary W. Merrow of Hartford, Martha M. Merrow Washburn and John H. Washburn her husband, Buckingham, Pa. - heirs of Joseph B. Merrow, quit-claim to Harriet L. Merrow, widow of Joseph B. Merrow;

First piece: northwest corner on line of land of New London and Northern Railroad, running easterly and northerly on line of land conveyed to said railroad by Joseph M. Merrow, to highway from Coventry to Village of Merrow, easterly along highway from Willington to Mansfield Depot; southerly along westerly line of highway to second piece described herein. Thence westerly, southerly and easterly along line of said piece of land now or formerly of George W. Merrow. Southerly and westerly along land now or formerly of George W. Merrow, to the railroad. Northerly along the railroad to the beginning.

Together with house, barn, and other buildings and rights to springs, etc. as set forth in deed to Henry Huntington, Esq. (v. 36 p. 449-454.)

Second piece: Millard Orchard, so-called, described in deed to Milo Millard from Joseph B. Merrow, Sept. 27, 1882 - v. 37 p. 34. Also described in v. 65 - p. 269-273.

August 6, 1852 - v. 27 p. 569

Nathan W. Merrow, Mary Merrow, Chauncey G. Reeney, Mary Reeney, his wife, Elizabeth W. Merrow and Martha S. Merrow, heirs of Joseph M. Merrow, quit-claim to Pitkin, Merrow & Co. (firm members Joseph B. Merrow of Mansfield and John O. Pitkin of Hartford) land bounded: northerly by Benjamin Gardiner, easterly by highway, southerly by Austin Griggs, westerly by Willimantic River and by Walter Tilden - with a Knitting Factory, dwelling house and other buildings thereon, being the estate formerly owned and occupied by Joseph M. Merrow, deceased.

Mary Merrow, the widow, is to receive a dower of \$1,173.33.

The releasors agreed to pay her the interest annually on the dower, keep the property in good repair.

If the releasors meet these conditions, at the death of the widow, 1/6 of the dower goes to each of them.

(Signed)

Nathan W. Merrow
 Mary Merrow
 Chauncey G. Reeney
 Mary G. Reeney
 Elizabeth W. Merrow
 Martha S. Merrow

Dated Sept. 4, 1850
 Recorded Aug. 6, 1852

THE SPRING

Aug. 31, 1882 - v. 36 - p. 449-454 in Mansfield Town Records.

This spring and the land surrounding it "consists of part of the assets of the firm of Merrow and Millard, a co-partnership between us which has been dissolved."

Both homesteads were supplied with water from this spring, which was on another piece of land. The purpose of this document was to supply "water to each for his heirs and assigns."

This circular piece of land, 50 feet in diameter, immediately surrounding and having for its center a spring, situated in a pasture "now owned by us", east of the highway leading to Willington. Said spring is about 148 feet east of and distant from the highway. It is nearly opposite the dividing line between the property of George W. Merrow and the homestead of Milo Millard.

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This land was transferred to "Henry Huntington, as trustee, his heirs and successors and assigns forever." The trustees were given the right to maintain, use and enjoy a pipe or pipes from said circular tract of land across the adjoining land to the highway and across to land of Milo Millard, across his land to the present residence of the Trustee and across his said land to said buildings standing on adjoining property and across the highway leading to the railroad station, to land of Joseph B. Merrow, to the house, barn and other buildings.

"The expense of protecting said spring and maintaining and repairing the piping therefrom shall be borne by the parties entitled to use said water as follows:- from Point A to B - 1/3 of the expense borne by J. B. Merrow and his heirs; 1/6 by Milo Millard and his heirs; 1/6 by each of the respective owners of premises supplied." Point B - 1/3 of the expense borne by J. B. Merrow and his heirs; 1/6 by Milo Millard and his heirs; 1/6 each of the respective owners of premises supplied at I. H. & E. From B to D - 2/3 of expense by J. B. Merrow and his heirs; 1/3 by owner of premises supplied from outlet E. From B to G - 1/3 each by owners of premises C, I, and K. From G to H - 1/2 by each of the owners of premises supplied at outlets I and K. The cost of maintaining said pipe from D to F by J .B. Merrow and his heirs. From G to C by Milo Millard and his heirs. From D to E - from H to K and from H to I by owners of premises supplied by outlets E - K and I.

